

Rio Puerco Resource Area
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Mr. Meade A. Stirland, Manager
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Dear Mr. Stirland:

We have reviewed your April 14 request to modify the subsidence monitoring programs for the P-10, P-15/17 and PW-2/3 Mines, Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Leases 1 and 4.

The subsidence grids for the P-13 area of the P-10 Mine and for the P-15/17 Mine were required to monitor any subsidence over mine workings beneath State Highway 279. These mine working were never developed; therefore, your request to eliminate monitoring of the P-13 and P-15/17 grids is approved.

The subsidence grids for the 002, 300 and 1500 areas of the P-10 Mine and for the PW-2/3 Mine were required to monitor subsidence over mine workings beneath or very close to State Highway 279. Our review of the monitoring data for these grids indicates a fairly steady decrease in many station elevations since the end of 1981; therefore, we believe that surveillance of all stations in these grids must be continued. Due to the amount of elevation decrease generally detected with each survey, you may reduce the surveying frequency from quarterly to semi-annually (i.e., every 6 months) following the survey for the second quarter of 1983 (June). Further modification of the monitoring programs for the 002, 300, 1500 and PW-2/3 grids may be requested on the basis of future data.

Your request to modify the ground water monitoring program at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine is being reviewed, and you will be notified when that review is complete. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

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FOR Herrick E. Hanks
Rio Puerco Resource Area
Manager

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